Dear Republican Colleagues,

The *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022* online submission portal is now open to all Members of the House of Representatives. As you have seen from guidance jointly distributed by the Majority and Republicans, this year we will accept submissions for environmental infrastructure (EI) projects that meet the definition provided in the <u>submission instructions</u>.

While all members who utilized EI must submit a Member Certification letter, to ensure oversight, transparency, and accountability throughout the WRDA process, Republican Members that request EI projects must also publicly post details of their request in accordance with 117th House Republican Conference Rules. This includes a signed certification form indicating that neither a Member, their spouse, nor immediate family have a financial interest in the project and an explanation as to why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds will be required for submission. Again, while all members of Congress must submit this form for consideration of EI projects, Republican offices are required to also publicly disclose the request for EI on their official house.gov website. EI authorization requests that are not publicly posted on the Member's official House.gov website will not be considered by the Committee.

Example for Public Posting WRDA of 2022 EI Requests:

An example of what information to post to Members' official House.gov website for EI:

Project Name: XXXX

Project Location: [location of project including city, county, state, and zip code if possible]

Congressional District: XXXX

Project Sponsor: XXXX

Requested Amount: \$XXXX

Certification of No Financial Interest (Hyperlinked to Member Certification Letter)

The link for all WRDA 2022 guidance may be found <u>here</u>. As a reminder, the certification must be on official Member letterhead, dated, and must be signed by the Member. An electronic signature is acceptable. <u>Again</u>, <u>Republicans Members are required to publicly disclose the request for EI only on their website.</u>

For questions about environmental infrastructure requests and the certification process, please contact the Republican Director of Member Services, Nick Christensen (Nick.Christensen@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

Sam Graves Ranking Member